

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:.

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1) (amended) A bicycle trailer for attachment to the frame of a bicycle comprising:  
a trailer frame having two rectangular members, each rectangular member having opposite end portions which are centrally and pivotally attached to the opposite end portions of the other rectangular member; and each rectangular member having a lower side portion extending generally horizontally along one lower side portion of the trailer and an upper side portion extending generally horizontally along an upper side portion of the trailer;

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upright releasable spacing limitation [maintenance] means extending between the two rectangular members to restrain the frame from laterally compressing and heightening, said limitation means being releasable so that the trailer can be laterally collapsed without disassembly;

a tongue member having a rear end portion attached to a front end portion of the trailer frame; a central portion extending forwardly, and a front portion;

a releasable hitch having a bicycle [frame] mounted portion [which is] adapted to be carried by the bicycle [frame], and a releasable portion which is attached to the front portion of the tongue member;

a trailer bottom portion extending laterally between the lower side portions of the rectangular frame members to restrain the frame from laterally extending and flattening;  
and,

wheels each rotatably mounted to an opposite central portion of the lower side portion of the trailer frame.

*Examiner's note*

In claim 3, line 1 after "upper" please delete "the" and replace with --side portions and the -

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

7) (amended) A trailer as in claim 6 wherein the spacing maintenance means comprises a strap extending between [a lower and upper side portion of the trailer.] one of the lower side portions, and a corresponding upper side portion of one of the rectangular frame members of the trailer there above.

11) (amended) A trailer as in claim [6] 2 wherein the releasable hitch comprises an eccentric lever which pulls on a shaft when the lever is given a quarter turn [such as utilised on the wheels of bicycles] and wherein the eccentric lever is used to quickly detach the trailer from the bicycle mounted portion thereof.

12) (amended) A trailer as in claim 11 wherein the bicycle [frame] mounted portion of the releasable hitch is adapted to be secured to the bicycle [frame] by an axle and an axle nut on the bicycle wheel so that the bicycle mounted portion can be secured without marring the paint on any bicycle having any frame shape and so that the trailer cannot change the alignment of the bicycle wheel.

Please delete claim 14.